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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN EMBASSY ESTABLISHED AT GEORGETOWN

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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR DMITRIY ZHUKOV, RESIDENT AT BRASILIA, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT CHUNG ON FEB 20. HE ARRIVED IN GUYANA FEB 16, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND SECOND SECRETARY IGOR FEDOCHENKO (ALSO RESIDENT BRASILIA). SOVIET EMBASSY HEADED BY FIRST SECRETARY AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES VICTOR TKACHENKO, WHO ARRIVED FIRST WEEK OF FEB; HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS AT THE LOCAL TOWER HOTEL. TKACHENKO HAS A STAFF OFFICER (ALEXANDER KRAMRENKO) ASSISTING HIM ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

2. ZHUKOV TOLD THE DCM THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY ABOUT ANOTHER WEEK. HE ADDED THAT HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO GUYANA ABOUT FOUR TIMES A YEAR FOR A STAY OF A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. END

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3. ZHUKOV ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCREDITED IN A YEAR OR SO. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID HE INTENDS TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO GUYANA AND SPEND MORE TIME HERE THAN IS NORMALLY THE CASE WITH NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS. HE SAID THAT TKACHENKO IS STILL LOOKING FOR A HOUSE OR BUILDING WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A COMBINED AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY.

4. COMMENT: ZHUKOV AND HIS WIFE ARE OUTGOING, SPEAK ACCENTED BUT GOOD ENGLISH, AND HAVE MADE A GENERALLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. THEIR LOCAL COMMENTS THUS FAR SEEM TO REFLECT AT LEAST AN INITIAL DESIRE TO KEEP SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN GUYANA ON A RELATIVELY LOW KEY.
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